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PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS

1. REFERENCE TO CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S NOVEMBER 11, 1977
LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER CONCERNING US POSTURE IN
PRESENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN, AND DECEMBER 7 REPLY THERETO BY
PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY ADVISER BRZEZINSKI, SURFACED IN
LOCAL PRESS JANUARY 11.

2. WE UNDERSTAND COPIES OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE
WERE SENT TO THE GODR BY CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S OFFICE,
WHICH ALSO SENT COPIES TO THE PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO
DOMINICANO (PRD).

3. REFERENCE TO LETTERS APPEARED OUT OF THE BLUE IN
FULL-PAGE AD IN LISTIN DIARIO ADDRESSED "TO THE COUNTRY"
FROM THE OFFICIAL PARTIDO REFORMISTA AND SIGNED BY THE
PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL. ITS PREFACE, A PAEAN TO
PRESIDENT BALAGUER, IS FOLLOWED BY DENUNCIATION OF
CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S "DISTORTED AND TENDENTIOUS CONCEPTS"
CONCERNING DOMINICAN POLITICAL REALITY SET FORTH IN HIS
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LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

4. AD THEN GOES ON TO PRAISE BRZEZINSKI REPLY AS REFLECTING
PRESIDENT CARTER'S OWN VIEWS. TO HAVE ACCEPTED FRASER'S
"TWISTED" PROPOSALS, WHICH ARE ALSO CHARACTERIZED AS
"VENEMOUS" AND "DECEITFUL", WOULD HAVE LED TO "OPEN
INTERVENTION" IN DOMINICAN AFFAIRS, ACCORDING TO PR

STATEMENT.

5. STATEMENT THEN TURNS TO POINT OF ITS ATTACK: THE TERRIBLE COSTS OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS COUNTRY. REFERRING TO "DARK FACTS WHICH ARE AN AFFRONT TO AMERICA'S (E.G., US) HISTORY," STATEMENT RECALLS "VIVID EVENTS WHICH AT DIFFERENT TIMES LED TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF (DOMINICAN) LIBERTY AND SOVEREIGNTY, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ARMED INTERVENTION BY AMERICAN FORCES IN 1916 AND THE INTERVENTION OF THE SO-CALLED INTER-AMERICAN PEACE FORCE IN 1965..."

6. AGAIN WITHOUT MENTIONING NAMES OR EVENTS, STATEMENT PLAINLY REFERS IN RESPECT OF INTERVENTION TO PRD'S VARIOUS, HIGHLY-PUBLICIZED EFFORTS TO SEEK SUPPORT IN LIBERAL AND SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC CIRCLES ABROAD, WITH WHOM IT LUMPS MR. FRASER.

7. THOSE ANONYMOUS INDIVIDUALS UNSCRUPULOUSLY FOMENTING FOREIGN "INTERVENTION" TODAY, PR STATEMENT SAYS, SUFFER FROM "STIGMAS THAT COURSE IN THEIR BLOOD, A BLOOD THAT IS NOT DOMINICAN BECAUSE IT DRAGS ALONG WITH IT, AS A HISTORICAL SEDIMENT AND ATAVISTIC ABERRATION, THE GERM OF THE BARBAROUS TRANSGRESSIONS OF WHICH DOMINICANS WERE VICTIMS DURING THE DARKEST PERIOD ("EL PERIODO MAS NEGRO") OF THEIR HISTORY." THE DOUBLE MEANING OF THIS ARTISTIC FLIGHT IS CLEAR: IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECALLS THE HORRORS OF THE HAITIAN INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF THE LAST CENTURY TOGETHER WITH THE SUPPOSED HAITIAN ANTECEDENTS OF THE PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION LEADER, JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ, SEC GEN OF THE PRD.

8. COMMENT: JUST AS THE EMBASSY WAS SUCCEEDING IN LOWERING THE UNSOUGHT HIGH PROFILE CONFERRED UPON US BY THE REFORMISTA'S EXPLOITATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S PRAISE OF PRESIDENT BALAGUER, WE FIND THE U.S. ONCE AGAIN IN UNWANTED SPOTLIGHT DUE TO THE REFORMISTA'S EXPLOITATION OF THIS CORRESPONDENCE. AS DEPT AWARE, EMBASSY PERCEIVED PITFALLS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO ABOVE-DESCRIBE SITUATION WHEN WE WERE CONSULTED ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF MAKING EXCHANGE AVAILABLE TO GODR. AT THAT TIME, WE PREDICTED THAT FACTUAL ERRORS AND DISTORTIONS CONTAINED IN CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S LETTER, AS WELL AS THE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS IT COMPRISED, RISKED CAUSING SHARPLY NEGATIVE GODR REACTION AS WELL AS PLACING THIS EMBASSY ONCE AGAIN ON THE DEFENSIVE WITH RESPECT TO OUR AVOWED POLICY OF NONINTERFERENCE AND NEUTRALITY REGARDING THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. ONLY HELPFUL ASPECT OF THIS INCIDENT IS DR. BRZEZINSKI'S STATEMENT OF OUR STRICT NEUTRALITY IN THIS AND OTHER

ELECTIONS.

WE FULLY UNDERSTAND INABILITY OF U.S. EXECUTIVE TO CONTROL
ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.
NONETHELESS, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT THAT
THOSE WHO MADE THE CORRESPONDENCE AVAILABLE
TO THE DOM REP IN THE FACE OF CONTRARY PROFESSIONAL
ADVICE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE SET BACK, NOT ADVANCED, THE
CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS HERE AND HAVE DONE A DISSERVICE
TO THE USG POSITION IN THIS DELICATE ELECTORAL
ATMOSPHERE.
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